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Commissioners Allocate Additional \$10 Million to Aid MSD Overflow Clean Up

Cincinnati – The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners today appropriated an additional \$10 million to the Metropolitan Sewer District Sewer Backup Program. The funding will aid residents and businesses impacted by sewer backups as a result of last week's severe rainstorm. MSD confirms over 1,400 properties were affected by the 100-year storm that occurred on August 28.

"Making these funds quickly available to residents dealing with sewer back ups as a result of last week's storm is a top priority for all three commissioners," said Interim County Administrator Jeff Aluotto. "In addition to today's funding allocation, commissioners have instructed county officials to work closely with MSD and ensure reimbursement claims are quickly paid out to everyone qualifying under the Sewer Backup Program."

MSD estimates claims eligible for payment under the program will range from \$6-\$9 million for overall property clean up. An additional \$6 million is estimated for supplemental claims on damaged electrical and mechanical systems, furniture and cars parked in affected garages.

Aluotto and the Board of Commissioners also praised MSD and other public works employees for their hard work in helping in the clean up of over 1400 flood damaged properties. Those homeowners should continue to contact MSD at 352-4500 to seek financial assistance to make any home repairs and to restore personal property that has been damaged

The Sewer Back Program was funded at over \$4.8 million in the 2016 Operating Budget. However, nearly \$3.9 million of those funds have been paid out on previous claims.

A copy of the resolution is attached.

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MSD RESOLUTION

APPROVING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE 2016 OPERATING BUDGET AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2016 THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT OF GREATER CINCINNATI HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Board") did, on December 16, 2015, adopt a FY 2016 operating budget for the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati ("MSD"), as entered into the Commissioners Minutes, Vol. 340, Images 8082 - 8091; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2016 Hamilton County, Ohio experienced an extreme rain event that has resulted in more than 1,800 sewer back up reports, of which more than 1,400 have been verified through September 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the adopted FY 2016 MSD operating budget requires a transfer of appropriated funds of \$7,000,000.00, as outlined in the table below, in order to accommodate the budget needed to address this urgent situation and meet consent decree requirements:

OPERATION	APPROVED 2016 PERSONNEL SERVICES	APPROVED 2016 NON-PERSONNEL EXPENSES	2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS		2016 TOTAL BUDGET
			PERSONNEL SERVICES	NON-PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR	1,823,247.00	2,036,125.00			\$3,859,372.00
WASTEWATER ENGINEERING	6,508,938.00	817,579.00			\$7,326,517.00
WASTEWATER ADMINISTRATION	6,577,182.00	9,159,105.00			\$15,736,287.00
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	18,922,422.00	27,470,567			\$46,392,989.00
WASTEWATER COLLECTION	10,345,938.00	10,064,321.00			\$20,410,259.00
INDUSTRIAL WASTE	4,721,888.00	2,087,190.00			\$6,809,078.00
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	941,385.00	10,635,986.00	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$18,577,371.00
OFFICE, TECHNICAL & OPERATING EQUIP.		2,137,292.00			2,137,292.00
VEHICLES		1,277,000.00			\$1,277,000.00
DEBT SERVICE		119,104,000.00	\$0	-\$7,000,000	\$112,104,000.00
INDIRECT CITY OVERHEAD		2,900,000.00			\$2,900,000.00
DIRECT COUNTY OVERHEAD		295,510.00			\$295,510.00
INDIRECT COUNTY OVERHEAD		178,325.00			\$178,325.00
TOTAL	\$49,841,000.00	\$188,163,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$238,004,000.00

WHEREAS, the MSD Director requests that an additional \$3,000,000 be appropriated from un-encumbered and un-appropriated funds to further address the budgetary needs for Sewer Back Up ("SBU") response derived from the August 28, 2016 extreme rain event; and

WHEREAS, operating revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and unappropriated funds available for use by MSD are sufficient to meet the requirements of the aforesaid operating budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed said FY 2016 MSD operating budget transfer and additional appropriation request; and

WHEREAS, given the magnitude of this rain event, the total funding that will be needed to cover cleaning and claims is uncertain at this time and additional appropriations may be needed in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, that the aforesaid MSD amended operating budget is approved for the year beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and an additional three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in funds for the Watershed Management Division (SBU) are appropriated as follows in order to address the results of the extreme rain event of August 28, 2016:

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TOTAL	\$49,841,000.00	\$188,163,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$241,004,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and hereby is directed to certify copies of this resolution to Jeff Aluotto, Interim Hamilton County Administrator; Harry Black, Cincinnati City Manager; and Gérald R. Checco, Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County,
Ohio, this 7th day of ~~September~~, 2016

Mr. Deters YES

Mr. Monzel YES

Mr. Portune YES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this 7th day of September, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 7th day of September, 2016.



Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio